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Dear Mr. Drinan:

I am pleased to reply to your letter of April 4 concerning the disappearance of Rodolfo Walsh in Argentina.

In your letter you indicate that Mr. Walsh may have disappeared after delivering a letter to the American Embassy in Buenos Aires. This is not so. According to a letter from "a relative of Rodolfo Walsh" and mailed to our Embassy on April 5, Mr. Walsh disappeared on March 25 after circulating an open letter to the Argentine Junta. Mr. Walsh's letter is a diatribe against the military government. In it, he reveals that a daughter of his died "in combat" against the Junta.

According to our Embassy in Buenos Aires, Mr. Walsh is a writer and reputedly a fervent left-wing Peronist ideologue.

I understand that Mr. Fernando Rondon of the Department has been in touch with Mr. Howard Stecker of your office concerning Mr. Walsh.

Sincerely,

Douglas J. Bennet, Jr.
Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations

The Honorable
Robert F. Drinan,
House of Representatives.

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